(c) what measures Government contemplates to check the prices of silk yarn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Due to occurence of pebrine disease in the rearing areas of the silk producing states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu, there was a decline in the arrivals of cocoons in the cocoon markets which was ultimately affected the availability as well as prices of raw silk in the country. In order to overcome this situation the following efforts are being made by the Central Silk Board in colloboration with the concerned State Governments:—

1. Implementation of a mass disinfection programme.
2. Supply of P1 and P2 layings of Pure Mysore to Deptt. of Sericulture, Karnataka.
3. Supply of F1 Hybrid layings to States.
4. Screening of basic stocks for pebrine.
5. Deputation of study teams to conduct survey in Seed Zones and to demonstrate various measures to control pebrine disease.

It is expected that the above remedial measures would help in containing the pebrine disease and consequently help in improving the availability of raw silk and controlling its prices in the country. A proposal to import 200 M. Tonnes of raw silk at concessional rate of duty is also under consideration.

**Jet engines overhauled abroad**

254. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jet engines sent abroad by the Indian Airlines for overhauling and servicing in the last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange involved in getting these engines serviced and overhauled abroad;

(c) whether Indian Airlines has its own jet engine shop in Delhi for doing the job;

(d) what is the cost for the setting up of the plant; and

(e) what are the reasons for its non-utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines has, in all, sent 48 engines for overhauling and servicing abroad during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) Foreign exchange, equivalent to Indian Rupees as mentioned below was incurred in the service and overhaul of these engines in the respective years:

| Year | Rupees (INR) |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 17,49,54,264.05 |
| 1989-90 | 14,02,87,667.05 |
| 1990-91 | 20,44,59,271.01 |

(c) Indian Airlines has recently set up a Jet Engine Overhaul shop in Delhi. The shop would initially repair/overhaul JT8D engines for B-737 aircraft.

(d) The approved cost for setting up of the Jet Engine Overhaul facility at Delhi is Rs. 14.95 crores.

(e) Although there has been some delay in completion of certain items of the work as per desired standards, Indian Airlines has since started utilising the shop.

**Dual Citizenship**

255. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Workers Association Conference held in London in September, 1991 has sent any